Helicopter service between Guwahati-Halflong-Guwahati

932. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any initiative for starting Helicopter service between Guwahati-Halflong-Guwahati, keeping in view the insurgency infested area and road connectivity problems;

(b) if so, the details of proposals and suggestions of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any Memorandum in this regard during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not taking any action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL), a Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is ready to provide a suitable helicopter to the Government of Assam on mutually agreed terms and conditions. Based on the requirement of the helicopter, it would be used by the State Government on any sector, including Guwahati-Halflong-Guwahati.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Training programme to the employees of IGI Airport

933. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to make Indira Gandhi international Airport customer-friendly a one-day training programme was organised recently;

(b) if so, the number of employees who had participated;

(c) what has been its effect on their performance; and

(d) whether such programme would be conducted at other major airports?